

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-17 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has allowed claim 2.

Claims 2-17 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered item 2, claims 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,240,421 to Stolarz in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,232 to Tsuda, et al. In the Office Action at page 7, numbered item 6, claims 3, 10, 12, 14, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Stolarz and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,982,372 to Brush, II, et al., Tsuda, et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,212,441 to Hazama. In the Office Action at page 10, numbered item 9, claims 4, 11, 13, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Stolarz in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,262,694 to Ishimoto, et al. The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the Office Action and therefore not repeated. The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner has previously indicated that claim 2 is allowed. Accordingly, claims 3-17 have been amended to recite similar features as allowed claim 2. Amended claim 3, for example, recites that "each object positioned in the apparent three-dimensional space display is enclosed within a frame of uniform size, the uniform size based on a number of articles to be displayed, ease of viewing when displayed, and overall balance". Claims 4, 5, and 10 through 17 have been similarly amended. Amended claim 6 recites that "the uniform size of the frame is determined based on a number of articles to be displayed, ease of viewing when displayed, and overall balance." Claims 7-9 have been similarly amended.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-17 are in condition for allowance for at least those reasons as allowed claim 2.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

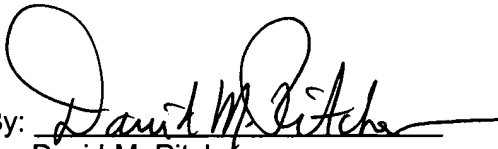
If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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